

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 10, 2018**

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

“Prior to convening in regular session, there was an agenda session which was open to public and advertised.”

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 12, 2017. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE STAR LEDGER, and TAP INTO WESTFIELD and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brindle, Council Members Habgood, Dardia, Neylan, LoGrippo, Contract, Stokes, Mackey

**ABSENT:** Councilman Arena

### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Invocation was given by Councilman Contract followed by the flag salute

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Town Administrator Reports**

- The Town Administrator provided an update on the status of the revaluation process, including the inspection process and the deadline for completion of all inspections;
- Discussed the status of storm debris collection. Addressed complaints by residents that the cleanup is taking longer than the cleanup after Superstorm Sandy, and explained that Superstorm Sandy occurred during a different time of year when the Department of Public Works did not have to be diverted by other snowstorms, and did not have to get fields ready for spring play. In addition, the Town was able to hire additional trucks and equipment to assist with the cleanup after Superstorm Sandy because it was certain that it would be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA. There was also much more certainty with budget numbers when Sandy occurred because it was the end of the year, as opposed to now when the year and the budget cycle have just begun. Also explained that the cleanup after Sandy took two (2) months to achieve, with approximately forty (40) collection days. As to the recent storms, the Town has spent thirteen (13) days, including today, collecting debris since it began on March 19, 2018. Some collection days were lost due to snowstorms, and cleanup is not occurring six (6) days per week, as it did with Sandy, in an effort to preserve overtime funds for potential storms later this year. Asked residents to be patient, as several weeks would be needed to complete collection in all zones. Also explained that this would be a one (1) time collection. If residents miss the collection for their zone, the Department of Public Works would not be going back for pickup. Stated that the Town's website is updated daily as to the status of debris collection, and free mulch and firewood are available at the Conservation Center.

Councilman LoGrippe asked if a permit would be required for residents disposing of storm debris at the Conservation Center.

The Town Administrator responded that if it was just storm debris, they could advise one of the workers at the center and drop off the debris, but the Center was now open and permits are being sold.

#### Mayor's Remarks

- Mayor Brindle recognized students from Kean University in attendance this evening;
- Mayor Brindle announced that today marks exactly one hundred (100) days since she and the four (4) new Council members were sworn into office. Stated that it has been an exhilarating and humbling experience and expressed her gratitude for the outpouring of support from the community since New Year's Day. Also expressed her gratitude to all eight (8) Town Council members for their cooperation and support and discussed all that has been accomplished to date:
  - Implemented the first open volunteer application process which yielded almost four hundred and fifty (450) volunteers for existing boards and commissions, and for newly created committees including Technology, Media & Content Creation, Special and Adaptive Needs, the Arts, and Parking;
  - Introduced greater transparency with residents which included publishing the names of all board and committee members, a fair and open RFP/RFQ process, and live streaming of every Town Council meeting;
  - Introduced a new committee to review the Town's permitting and application processes with the goal of making Westfield more business friendly;
  - Initiated a Downtown Property Owners council to collaborate on improving the business climate in Town;
  - Initiated a resident survey regarding the best use for the coffee kiosk at the train station in anticipation of a future reopening;
  - Co-chaired the newly formed Raritan Valley Line Mayors Coalition to advocate for equitable allocation of one seat rides for the Raritan Valley Line relative to other lines.
  - Created the Town Hall High School Internship Program with an inaugural class of forty-eight (48) students who are set to begin work next week;
  - Enhanced and fortified the Town's Green Team and Special Improvement District with additional volunteers to improve services provided as well as the quality and number of events to engage residents;
  - Introduced a budget with the lowest tax rate in decades;
  - Survived four storms;
  - Announced that tomorrow she would be joining 'Mayors Against Illegal Guns' with thirteen (13) fellow Union County Mayors, including Cranford, Fanwood, Summit, and Springfield. Explained that this organization was formed by former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, and is comprised of a bipartisan national coalition of Mayors committed to working together to remove all illegal guns from the streets through enforcement, legislation and collaboration. Discussed this organization's statement of principles and informed residents that the complete statement of principles is available at [www.everytown.org](http://www.everytown.org);
  - Announced that later tonight the governing body would be voting on an ordinance to prohibit the sale of dogs or cats from "puppy mills". Explained that, if adopted,

Westfield would be joining over one hundred and fifty (150) other Towns in New Jersey, including Cranford, Springfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood to ban retail pet stores in Westfield from selling dogs and cats from “puppy mills.” Assured residents that this ordinance would not impact the ability of residents to purchase full breed dogs from hobby breeders, but rather to join a coalition of New Jersey towns to suppress the puppy mill market and ultimately the availability of inhumanely treated pets.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

## **ADVERTISED HEARINGS**

“GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2102 – AN ORDINANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

“GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2103 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (ANIMALS AND FOUL) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO ENACT A NEW SECTION, ARTICLE IV, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS FROM “PUPPY MILLS”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Leslie Moran, Randolph Township, New Jersey, discussed a puppy store that opened in her community. Stated that residents were opposed to it, but nothing could be done because it was a legal business. The store closed in 2014, and shortly afterwards, Randolph adopted an ordinance similar to General Ordinance 2103. Feels treating animals humanely is a worthy goal. Discussed other states and municipalities that have also adopted similar ordinances and hopes Westfield will adopt this ordinance.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street, Clark, New Jersey, discussed her support for General Ordinance No. 2103 and thanked the Mayor and Town Council for considering its adoption. Discussed her involvement with various organizations in the area and stated that she does not speak for these organizations, but she is happy that Westfield is considering this ordinance. Also stated that she is hoping other Union County towns will follow.

Geraldine Kehoe, Scotch Plains, stated that she has four (4) dogs that she acquired through breeders and through rescues. Some of the breeders were reputable while others were not. Asked if this ordinance would prohibit the purchase of an animal from a reputable breeder.

Councilwoman Mackey explained that the intent of the ordinance is to reflect that pet stores are not needed in Westfield. This is based upon dozens of emails that were

received from residents in support of this ordinance. The acquirement of a pet would be limited to adoption because of the difficulty in discerning reputable breeders from puppy mills.

Cindy Knowles, pet shop owner, discussed Mayor Brindle's involvement with rescue dogs. Feels General Ordinance No. 2103 is filled with inaccuracies and stated that New Jersey has strict regulations concerning pet stores while rescue organizations do not. Asked who would oversee these restrictions and who would oversee veterinary services. Feels if consumers are unable to obtain animals from regulated pet stores, an unregulated market for animals would be created. Also stated that the Humane Society is an advocate for this initiative and discussed recent issues involving the Humane Society.

Janice Fisher, Manasquan, New Jersey, addressed comments made by Ms. Knowles and cited outbreaks of parvo in various pet store locations in New Jersey. Also discussed pet leasing arrangements offered by some pet stores which involves high interest finance plans to acquire animals. Stated that pet stores target low income consumers with these pet leasing plans and repossess the animal if payment cannot be made, and that several states are now outlawing this practice.

Ms. Fisher also referenced Ms. Knowles comment concerning State regulations and explained that there is no transparency when purchasing animals from a pet store because State regulations do not control where pet stores acquire its animals. In addition, Ms. Fisher discussed USDA reports concerning the mistreatment of animals and urged the Mayor and Town Council to adopt General Ordinance No. 2103.

Sandy Hyde, Tewksbury, New Jersey, discussed animals she purchased at Shake-a-Paw and Furrylicious pet stores. Addressed Ms. Fisher's comments regarding transparency and stated that she was provided with the breeder's information when she purchased her pets and would purchase additional pets from this breeder. Expressed concern with General Ordinance 2103 because she feels it limits choices for consumers. Also expressed concern with accusations that animals are mistreated by pet stores. Stated that the Furrylicious pet store was immaculate and that animals were treated well. Also stated that she allowed her teenage son to work at this pet store, which was his first job.

Ms. Hyde also discussed a friend who adopted animals from a rescue shelter. Stated that no veterinary information was provided, and the dogs had behavioral issues which her friend was not made aware of at the time of the adoption. Explained that because of this friend's experience she would continue to purchase her pets rather than acquiring them from a rescue shelter.

Alan Braslow, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, discussed comments by Ms. Fisher concerning the outbreak of parvo. Stated that these outbreaks could occur anywhere and are not limited to pet stores. Also referred to the previous speaker's comments concerning behavioral issues with dogs and explained that behavioral issues are not breed specific, but depend upon how the dog is raised. Referenced comments concerning the condition of pet stores and stated that it is not just the condition of the pet store that is an issue, but where the product comes from. Explained that the problem involves dogs that are bred as part of a commercial breeding process and discussed the substandard treatment of animals by commercial breeders.

Jeff Morton, Shake-a-Paw Pet Stores, Union and Greenbrook, New Jersey, addressed various comments of previous speakers and explained that animal activists are not enforcement officers. Stated that he has been cited for administrative violations, not for the treatment of animals. Feels animal rights activists slander him. Referred to Councilwoman Mackey's comment that Westfield residents do not feel a pet store is needed in Westfield, and stated that five (5%) percent of animals purchased from his stores were purchased by Westfield residents. Feels General Ordinance 2103, by design, allows rescue shelters to act as animal dealers, when shelters do not have to comply with licensing requirements. Believes everyone in attendance this evening is against substandard animal treatment. Also feels Mayor Brindle has a conflict of interest because of her involvement with animal rescues and believes it would be an ethics violation if Mayor Brindle were to vote in favor of this ordinance. Lastly, Mr. Morton stated that he feels residents should have a choice as to where it acquires pets, and that the government should not be involved.

Debora Bresch, Senior State Legislative Director at the ASPCA and Westfield resident, discussed her experience with State regulations, explaining that she was a member of a task force concerning the origin of puppies in pet shops, and was coauthor of the State law that has been referenced by speakers this evening. Explained that while she would like to say that the State law is a strong and effective law, she feels it is not. Referenced Mr. Morton's comments concerning the violation he was issued and his statement that it was for administrative reasons and not related to the treatment of animals. Stated that Mr. Morton was assessed a \$25,000 fine under the Pet Protection Act, which is a State law that requires pet shops to disclose the origin of the pets sold.

Ms. Bresch also addressed comments by pet shop owners that they are unfairly villainized. Stated that a majority of pet shops obtain their animals from commercial breeders and brokers with very significant health and welfare concerns. Explained that the issue is not the treatment of animals by the pet shops, but the treatment of animals by the breeders the pet shops acquire them from.

Lastly, Ms. Bresch addressed concerns that General Ordinance 2103 would restrict commerce and informed the governing body that similar ordinances were upheld repeatedly by multiple federal courts. Feels Council can feel comfortable from an ethical and legal standpoint that this ordinance is appropriate.

Yoly Kagan, Fashionable Pets, feels the accusations that have been made against pet stores and its breeders are unfair. Stated that she has customers from many towns, including Westfield. Feels families want an opportunity to bond with an animal before choosing it as a pet, and that cannot be done with unregulated sources. Also discussed health costs involved with some adoptions because no economic protection is required with adoption. Stated that she researched the industry before deciding to enter this field and shared photos of pets with families that were acquired from her store. Feels consumers should have the right to choose a pet through either purchase or adoption.

Ellen Coyote, NJ Certified Animal Cruelty Investigator, Hamilton, New Jersey, urged the governing body to adopt General Ordinance No. 2103. Stated that the USDA law is very weak and does not protect consumers from purchasing animals from puppy mills. Feels

the UDSA is not acting in the best interest of animals, which is why local governments must pass these types of regulations. Provided various examples of animal mistreatment which occurs under current regulations.

Gary Hager, pet store owner, Red Bank, New Jersey, discussed the number of dogs he owns, stating that some were acquired through purchase and others from rescues. Stated that pet stores do have issues, but those issues are not limited to pet stores. Also discussed the difficulty in obtaining a hypoallergenic dog from a rescue. In addition, stated that his store offers certain guarantees if an animal that is purchased becomes sick or passes away. Also discussed the breeder information that is provided to his customers. Explained that when an animal is acquired through a rescue, no information is provided as to the breeder or if the animal has behavioral issues.

Brian Hackett, New Jersey State Director, State Affairs, the Humane Society of the United States, feels General Ordinance 2103 preserves choice, and pointed out that the persons opposed to this ordinance do not live, vote or pay taxes in Westfield. Feels consumers have the choice to purchase a pet from a responsible breeder if adoption is not their preference. Also feels responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores because they want to meet potential pet "parents". Discussed legislation recently adopted by the State of Maryland banning the sale of animals from pet stores and encouraged the Mayor and Council to adopt this ordinance. Feels the reason pet stores are struggling to exist is because of the source in which their product comes from. Stated that he agrees that regulations are needed for rescue organizations, but the main difference between rescues and pet stores is pet stores are for profit.

Tom Leach, Atco, New Jersey, stated that he represents pet store owners in New Jersey. Also stated that four (4%) percent of animals that are acquired are purchased through pet stores. Feels there are a limited number of animals available to consumers and this ordinance would further restrict that availability. Feels the current law works because stores that are not in compliance have been shut down. Also stated that there are only one thousand, five hundred (1,500) licensed breeders in the country, and a smaller subset of that number provide pets for purchase.

Larry Cohen, Fanwood, New Jersey, discussed inspection reports of breeders used by pet stores that are available online. Feels the overall purpose of General Ordinance 2103 is to prohibit cruelty to animals and urged the Mayor and Council to adopt this ordinance.

Jonathan Dubreuil, 14 US Highway 22, Greenbrook, New Jersey, referenced an earlier comment concerning a law passed in Maryland and stated that Maryland has not yet passed that law. Discussed an inspection report from the summer of 2017 and listed the violations included in the report. Stated that these violations were issued to a rescue organization. Feels if Westfield adopts this ordinance, it would limit choices for consumers and force them to adopt from this type of organization.

Stephanie Earl, Furrylicious Pet Store, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, stated that her store worked with small hobby breeders as well as larger breeders. In 2015, hobby breeders became illegal because of non-existent regulations. Discussed a letter to the editor that she submitted to Tap into Westfield and a response to that letter by Janice

Fisher. Stated that Ms. Fisher criticized her for spending too much time in kennels with animals, while animal activists spend their time reading inspection reports.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2102 – AN ORDINANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)” by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilman Stokes, was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Arena
Dardia		
Neylan		
LoGrippe		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2103 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (ANIMALS AND FOUL) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO ENACT A NEW SECTION, ARTICLE IV, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS FROM “PUPPY MILLS” by Councilwoman Mackey, seconded by Councilman Contract, was taken up, read and **amended** by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: Arena
Dardia		
Neylan		
LoGrippe		
Contract		
Stokes		
Mackey		
Mayor Brindle		

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Yeas: Habgood

Nays:

Absent: Arena

Dardia

Neylan

LoGrippe

Contract

Stokes

Mackey

Mayor Brindle

### **BIDS**

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman LoGrippe, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session & Regular Meeting held March 27, 2018.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS**

Mayor Brindle opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

### **BILLS AND CLAIMS**

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, and seconded by Councilman Stokes, bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$301,673.38 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Finance Policy Committee



The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, Chairman of the Finance Policy Committee, and seconded by Councilman Contract, were unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 79**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$54.60 to the order of New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, New Jersey for Dog Licenses issued by the Town Clerk for the month of March 2018.

**Resolution No. 80**

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individuals:

Name	Account	Class	Fee
Sandi Ing 210 N Chestnut St Westfield, NJ 07090	T05-600-071	Field Hockey (3,4,5 Grades) Amelia Ing	\$60.00
Lindsay Cuffaro 232 Clark St Westfield, NJ 07090	T05-600-971	Social Etiquette Class Alannah & Dylan Cuffaro	\$80.00
Mieko Calugay 619 Ardsleigh Drive Westfield, NJ 07090	T05-600-971	Volleyball (7 & 8 Grades) Kalea Calugay	\$150.00
Maria Gerckens 10 Mohawk Trail Westfield, NJ 07090	T05-600-971	Get Better Basketball July 9 – 12 Nicole Gerckens	\$150.00

**Resolution No. 81**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$175.00 to the order of Treasurer, State of New Jersey, P.O. Box 660, Trenton, NJ 08646-0660 for Marriage/Civil Union License Fees issued by the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the quarter of January - March 2018.

**Resolution No. 82**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, this amount being overpaid for 2017:

Block/Lot/Qualifier	Quarter/Year
<b>Name</b>	<b>Property Address</b>
4901/53	1103 Ripley Avenue
MIGLIOZZI, Angelina C	4 <sup>th</sup> /2017
	\$500.00

903/28

198 Cottage Place

3<sup>rd</sup>/2017

LIEBLING, Colin

\$3,316.78

**Mail to:**

1203 Chalk Maple Drive

Cary, NC 27519

**Resolution No. 83**

RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the order of the following persons, this being the amount taxes were overpaid for the year 2016-2017 pursuant to the Tax Court of New Jersey:

Block/Lot

Name	Address	Year	Amount
2302/29	541 East Broad Street	2016	\$8,992.88
<b>Payable to:</b>		2017	<u>\$9,209.02</u>
ACL Realty Assoc., LLC nd Maria Cozzini, Esq.			\$18,201.90

**Mail to:**

Maria R. Cozzini, Esq.

1199 US Route 22 East

Mountainside, NJ 07092

**Resolution No. 84**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2017 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit

entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

#### Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

#### Code Review & Town Property Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Mackey, Chairman of the Code Review & Town Property Committee, and seconded by Councilman LoGrippo, were unanimously adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 85**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following application for a theater license be and the same is hereby approved and any fees in connection with this application are hereby waived:

Westfield Community Players  
1000 North Avenue, West  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

150 seats (24) Performances

#### **Resolution No. 86**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 24 Article VII Section 24-47 of the Town Code the Town Council has authorized the licensing of Sidewalk Cafés, and

WHEREAS, the establishments listed have made application as required by Sec. 24-48 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the establishments listed have met all the terms and conditions as required,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield hereby grants licenses to the establishments listed to operate sidewalk cafés and the Town Clerk be, and is hereby authorized to issue said licenses.

Akai Lounge	102 East Broad Street
Bagel Chateau	223 South Avenue East
Brick Oven of Westfield	117 Quimby Street
Cosimo's	118 East Broad Street
Fresh Bui	57 Elm Street
Limani Seafood Grill	235 North Avenue West
Nosvino	127 Central Avenue
Westfield Creamery LLC	258 East Broad Street

**Resolution No. 87**

RESOLVED that the following application for children's amusement devices be approved:

Cliffhanger Productions, Inc.	Westfield Baseball League	Andrew Gibbs
161 Park Avenue	Opening Day Parade/Carnival	Westfield, NJ 07090
Rutherford, NJ 07070	Gumbert Park/Baseball Complex	
	Westfield, NJ	

**Public Works Committee**

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Contract, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and seconded by Councilman Stokes, were unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 88**

WHEREAS the Town of Westfield desires to conduct a Residential Cleanup Program for which it will need the services of a disposal company, as authorized in the anticipated 2018 Municipal Budget, 137-255, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer advertised the contract for bids to be received on April 4, 2018, and

WHEREAS, no bids were received, and it is in the best interest of the Town to readvertise for this service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Engineer be and is hereby authorized to re-bid for the Residential Cleanup Program.

**Resolution No. 89**

WHEREAS, the County of Union has established a Recycling Enhancement Grant Program from which monies are being made available to municipalities in an effort to increase municipal recycling rates through the implementation of new and innovative programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has identified opportunities, including the collection of rechargeable and single-use batteries, hard plastics, fluorescent bulbs, expanded polystyrene and mattresses, that meet the criteria required by the County for consideration, and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the municipality to apply for the Recycling Enhancement Grant will memorialize the commitment of the Town of Westfield to recycle and to indicate the assent of the Town Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, that it hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Enhancement Grant application to the County of Union, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from this grant shall be used solely in the manner identified in the application for the purposes of increasing recycling in the Town of Westfield.

#### Reports of Department Heads

Report of Kris McAloon, Town Engineer, stating he had turned over to the Chief Financial Officer check in the amount of \$11,797.00 representing monies collected during the month of March 2018.

Report of Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, showing fee collected in the amount of \$3,473.00 during the month of March 2018 was received, read, and ordered filed.

Report of David J. Kelly, Chief of the Fire Department, showing Fees collected in March 2018 in the amount of \$7,212.00 was received, read and ordered filed.

#### Town Council Comments

Councilman Stokes referred to Mayor Brindle's remarks regarding Mayors Against Illegal Guns and mentioned that former Mayor Skibitsky adopted a resolution as respect to this issue.

Councilman Dardia recognized students from Kean University in attendance this evening and mentioned that he was a graduate of Kean University's Master of Business Administration Program.

The Town Administrator mentioned that he was also a graduate of Kean University's Master of Business Administration Program, and recognized Westfield's Deputy Town Clerk, Maureen Lawshe, stating that Ms. Lawshe is one of the Kean University students in attendance this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman LoGrippe and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood at 9:51 p.m., was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Town Clerk